



DTSC / SB 1916 Advisory Committee
Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee
SUMMARY OF WORKING MEETING

1:30 – 4:45 p.m. May 31, 2000

Cal/EPA/DTSC Office, 700 Heinz Way, Berkeley

AC Members attending: Kelly Moran, Larry Moore, Barbara Brenner, Jim Schrack, Ann Heil, Greg Beach; Bob Hoffman, Bob Borzelleri, Jim Bennett, Don Ames. Not present: Stewart Crook, Maggie Robbins, Martha Valdes, Bob Hoffman, Brian Cox, Jim Donald.

DTSC staff: Kim Wilhelm, Jim Allen, David Hartley, Alan Ingham, Kathy Barwick, Maxine Richey, Marcia Murphy, Natalie Marcanio, Tyrone Smith

Proposed outcomes of this meeting:

- ◆ Agreement on recommendations for inclusion in SB 1916 Draft Final Report
- ◆ Understand priorities for discussion topics for Year Two
- ◆ Set meeting schedule for Year Two

- I. Review and Reflect on Public Comments
- II. Recommendations for the Draft Final Report
- III. Future Topics for AC Discussions
- IV. Meeting Dates for Year Two

Summary of Advisory Committee Reflections on 5/31 Public Comments

General

- ◆ going in right direction
- ◆ build support for local p2 NGOs/groups
- ◆ p2 is a “niche”—need to mainstream

Multimedia p2 vs. single-medium haz waste source reduction

- ◆ concern—releases
- ◆ DTSC—only hazardous waste?
- ◆ water, air releases are of real concern
- ◆ be bold—multimedia

Data

- ◆ need visible results to local folks as well as p2 professionals
- ◆ data useful
- ◆ data profiles—yes!

Attendance

- ◆ who was here/who was not here (to provide comments)
- ◆ low risk/low problem

- ◆ not a crisis/problem
- ◆ not on the radar

Other

- ◆ EMS/ISO (Cal/EPA) activity and p2—what is the relationship? Should be more co-operative/co-effort
- ◆ uncertainty re: value of EMS

Recommendations for Draft Final Report

The Advisory Committee finished deliberations on the recommendations it wishes to make to the DTSC and Cal/EPA in the final pollution prevention report and workplan. They are as follows:

1. The Advisory Committee recommends that DTSC focus on the vehicle service and repair industry for its small business program for fiscal years 00/01 and 01/02, and concurs with the approach defined in this report.
2. The Advisory Committee recommends that DTSC focus on the petroleum refining industry for its large business program for fiscal years 00/01 and 01/02, and concurs with the approach defined in this report.
3. The Advisory Committee recommends that DTSC involve employees and/or their unions, public health advocates, and public health agencies, as well as environmental advocacy and industry groups, in developing and implementing its pollution prevention program.
4. The Advisory Committee recommends that DTSC improve its hazardous waste data to allow for more accurate targeting and pollution prevention progress assessment.
5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Department of Pesticide Regulation participate in the SB 1916 process by providing a representative to the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee.
6. The Advisory Committee supports providing funding to local government pollution prevention programs.
7. The Advisory Committee recommends that the DTSC's pollution prevention program target industries and substances that may cause environmental or human health problems, rather than solely focusing on hazardous waste generation.
8. The Advisory Committee recommends that the DTSC's pollution prevention program achieve measurable environmental benefits.
9. The Advisory Committee recommends that all state agencies prepare and implement pollution prevention plans.

10. The Advisory committee recommends that Cal/EPA establish an agency-level pollution prevention program.

Potential Topics for Year Two of Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee Discussions

The following list of topics will be considered by the Advisory Committee for its next year of work. (These topics will be grouped to reduce overlap.)

Focus on reducing chemical use, not just hazardous waste

Precautionary principle

Pesticide use

Consumer responsibility (guilt)

P2 and consumer products

Manufacturers' responsibility for life cycle—take back

Product ban authority for DTSC/water board

Household, schools p2

P2 in local hazardous waste regulatory agencies

Comprehensive materials exchange

Multimedia p2 at agency level

Local government p2 plans

EMS systems

Green Business program—expand

Media campaign like non-smoking campaign

Enhance integration of local p2—inspection opportunities

PBTs (persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic)

How to expand reach to others to help do the work

Focus on pollutant of concern

Focus p2 in communities with disproportionate share of environmental costs

(“environmental equity”)

Agribusiness and p2

Adopt-a-state park program (litter)

P2 in generator training requirements

Connection between p2 and sustainability

The Natural Step

Measurement of environmental benefits

Matrix on measurability of p2

Manufacturers' responsibility for product liability per European Union model

Out-of-state exports analysis

Economic benefits of p2 to business and the public

Mandatory vs voluntary

Fees and impact on waste generated

Analysis of recycled materials; analyze what it takes to run a recycling facility; recycled oil

Funding in general

Funding p2 through enforcement penalties

\$10 million allocation

If no \$10 million—grants for p2?

Long term role of SB 1916 AC

Early work on industry candidates for next round

Progress reports (agency to AC)

Time limits on recommendations, targets

Value of voluntary program

New CA hazardous waste source reduction goal

Next SB1916 Advisory Committee Meeting: August 3 (possibly in Berkeley)